

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 14, 2013

TO: Transportation Commission

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SUBJECT: Lakemont Boulevard/Cougar Mtn. Way Intersection PW-I-92

Purpose:

On August 22, 2013, the City held a Public Open House to gain input on alternative intersection improvements for the intersection of Lakemont Boulevard/Cougar Mountain Way and SE 63rd Street. Four possible improvement options were presented at the Public Open House, including:

- Adding of a left-turn pocket,
- Installation of all-way STOP signs,
- Construction of a traffic signal, or
- Construction of a traffic roundabout.

The Open House was well attended with over 100 local residents attending the Open House to provide their comments.

At the Open House residents were able to see an evaluation of the proposed improvements based on several criteria, including: traffic delay, safety, environmental impacts, property acquisition needs and cost. Open House presentation materials are posted on the City's project web site-http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/lakemont-cmw-intersection.htm. After reviewing the alternatives and project evaluation criteria, residents expressed a strong preference for the traffic signal plan alternative (over 70% of attendees).

At the this time, city staff is seeking the Transportation Commission's concurrence with the Open House results and their support for the installation of a traffic signal with left-turn pockets at the intersection of Lakemont Boulevard and Cougar Mountain Way. If approved by City Council, staff plans to begin design of the traffic signal immediately and expects to start construction during the Summer of 2014.

Next Steps:

Staff is currently scheduled to provide an intersection improvement recommendation before City Council in December 2013. City Council will be provided the results of the Public Open House and the Transportation Commission's recommendation.

Staff Contact:

If you have any questions regarding the Lakemont Boulevard/Cougar Mtn. Way project, please contact me (Paul Krawczyk) at 425-452-7905 or by email at pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.us.